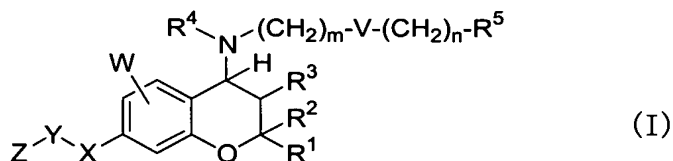


Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A benzopyran compound of formula (I)



wherein

X is NR^6 wherein R^6 is hydrogen atom or C_{1-4} alkyl group;

Y is a bond, SO or SO_2 ;

Z is C_{1-4} alkyl group (wherein the C_{1-4} alkyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms or phenyl group (wherein the phenyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with C_{1-4} alkyl group)) or phenyl group (wherein the phenyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with C_{1-4} alkyl group);

W is hydrogen atom, hydroxy group, C_{1-6} alkoxy group (wherein the C_{1-6} alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom), halogen atom, C_{1-4} alkyl group or C_{1-6} alkylsulfonylamino group;

R^1 and R^2 are independently of each other C_{1-3} alkyl group (wherein the C_{1-3} alkyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with hydroxy group, methoxy group, halogen atom or trifluoromethoxy group);

R^3 is hydrogen atom, hydroxy group or methoxy group;

m is an integer of 0 to 4;

n is an integer of 0 to 4;

V is a single bond, CR^7R^8 wherein R^7 is

- C_{1-6} alkyl group (wherein the C_{1-6} alkyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom, hydroxy group, C_{1-6} alkoxy group (wherein the C_{1-6} alkoxy group may be arbitrarily

substituted with halogen atom), C₆₋₁₄ aryl group or C₂₋₉ heteroaryl group (wherein each of the C₆₋₁₄ aryl group or C₂₋₉ heteroaryl group may be arbitrarily substituted with 1 to 3 R¹⁰ wherein R¹⁰ is halogen atom; hydroxy group; C₁₋₆ alkyl group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom, hydroxy group or C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom))); C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom); nitro group; cyano group; formyl group; formamide group; sulfonylamino group; sulfonyl group; amino group; C₁₋₆ alkylamino group; di-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group; C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonylamino group; C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group; aminocarbonyl group; C₁₋₆ alkylaminocarbonyl group; di-C₁₋₆ alkylaminocarbonyl group; C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group; C₁₋₆ alkoxy carbonyl group; aminosulfonyl group; C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group; carboxy group or C₆₋₁₄ arylcarbonyl group, and when a plurality of R¹⁰ are present, they may be identical or different from each other), -C₆₋₁₄ aryl group or C₂₋₉ heteroaryl group (wherein each of the C₆₋₁₄ aryl group or C₂₋₉ heteroaryl group may be arbitrarily substituted with 1 to 3 R¹⁰ wherein R¹⁰ has the above-mentioned meaning));

- hydroxy group or

- C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom), and R⁸ is

- hydrogen atom,

- C₁₋₆ alkyl group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom, hydroxy group, C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom)),

- C₆₋₁₄ aryl group or C₂₋₉ heteroaryl group (wherein each of the C₆₋₁₄ aryl group or C₂₋₉ heteroaryl group may be arbitrarily substituted with 1 to 3 R¹¹ wherein R¹¹ is halogen atom; hydroxy group; C₁₋₆ alkyl group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom, hydroxy group or C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may

be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom)); C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom); nitro group; cyano group; formyl group; formamide group; sulfonylamino group; sulfonyl group; amino group; C₁₋₆ alkylamino group; di-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group; C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonylamino group; C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group; aminocarbonyl group; C₁₋₆ alkylaminocarbonyl group; di-C₁₋₆ alkylaminocarbonyl group; C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group; C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl group; aminosulfonyl group; C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group; carboxy group or C₆₋₁₄ arylcarbonyl group, and when a plurality of R¹¹ are present, they may be identical or different from each other),

- hydroxy group or

- C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom), or R⁷ together with R⁸ may represent O or S, or

V is NR⁹ wherein R⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom, C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom), hydroxy group, C₆₋₁₄ aryl group or C₂₋₉ heteroaryl group (wherein each of the C₆₋₁₄ aryl group or C₂₋₉ heteroaryl group may be arbitrarily substituted with 1 to 3 R¹¹ wherein R¹¹ has the above-mentioned meaning)); or O, S, SO or SO₂;

R⁴ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom, C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom), or hydroxy group); and

R⁵ is

- hydrogen atom,

- C₁₋₆ alkyl group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom, C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom), amino group, carboxy group or hydroxy group),

- C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group or C₃₋₈ cycloalkenyl group (wherein the C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group or C₃₋₈

cycloalkenyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom, C₁₋₆ alkyl group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom, C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom), amino group, carboxy group or hydroxy group), C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom), amino, carboxy group or hydroxy group), or

- C₆₋₁₄ aryl group or C₂₋₉ heteroaryl group (wherein each of the C₆₋₁₄ aryl group or C₂₋₉ heteroaryl group may be arbitrarily substituted with 1 to 3 R¹² wherein R¹² is halogen atom; hydroxy group; C₁₋₆ alkyl group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkyl group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom, hydroxy group or C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom)); C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy group may be arbitrarily substituted with halogen atom); nitro group; cyano group; formyl group; formamide group; sulfonylamino group; sulfonyl group; amino group; C₁₋₆ alkylamino group; di-C₁₋₆ alkylamino group; C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonylamino group; C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group; aminocarbonyl group; C₁₋₆ alkylaminocarbonyl group; di-C₁₋₆ alkylaminocarbonyl group; C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group; C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl group; aminosulfonyl group; C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group; carboxy group, C₆₋₁₄ arylcarbonyl group, ureido group, C₁₋₆ alkylureilene group, C₆₋₁₄ aryl C₁₋₆ alkylamino group, C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonylamino group, C₆₋₁₄ aryloxy group or C₆₋₁₄ arylcarbonylamino group, when a plurality of R¹² are present, they may be identical or different from each other).

2. (Original) The benzopyran compound according to claim 1, wherein both R¹ and R² are methyl group, R³ is hydroxy group, and V is a single bond.

3. (Original) The benzopyran compound according to claim 1, wherein both R¹ and R² are methyl group, R³ is hydroxy group, and V is CR⁷R⁸.

4. (Original) The benzopyran compound according to claim 1, wherein both R¹ and R² are methyl group, R³ is hydroxy group, and V is NR⁹.

5. (Currently Amended) The benzopyran compound according to claim 2, wherein R⁵ is C₁₋₆ alkyl group, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group or C₆₋₁₄ aryl group.
6. (Currently Amended) The benzopyran compound according to claim 3, wherein R⁵ is C₁₋₆ alkyl group, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group or C₆₋₁₄ aryl group.
7. (Currently Amended) The benzopyran compound according to claim 4, wherein R⁵ is C₁₋₆ alkyl group, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group or C₆₋₁₄ aryl group.
8. (Original) The benzopyran compound according to claim 5, wherein W is hydrogen atom, hydroxy group, methoxy group, chlorine atom, bromine atom, methyl group, ethyl group or methylsulfonylamino group.
9. (Original) The benzopyran compound according to claim 6, wherein W is hydrogen atom, hydroxy group, methoxy group, chlorine atom, bromine atom, methyl group, ethyl group or methylsulfonylamino group.
10. (Currently Amended) The benzopyran compound according to claim 8, wherein R⁵ is C₁₋₆ alkyl group or C₆₋₁₄ aryl group, R⁶ is hydrogen atom or methyl group, Y is SO₂, and Z is C₁₋₄ alkyl group.
11. (Original) The benzopyran compound according to claim 8, wherein R⁵ is C₁₋₆ alkyl group or C₆₋₁₄ aryl, R⁶ is hydrogen atom or methyl group, Y is a bond, and Z is C₁₋₄ alkyl group.
12. (Original) A benzopyran compound which is N-{(3R*, 4S*)-3-hydroxy-6-methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-7-yl}-methanesulfonamide.
13. (Original) A benzopyran compound which is N-{(3R*, 4S*)-3,6-dihydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-7-yl}methanesulfonamide.
14. (Original) A benzopyran compound which is N-{(3R*, 4S*)-3-hydroxy-6-methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-7-yl}-N-

methylmethanesulfonamide.

15. (Original) A benzopyran compound which is N- $\{(3R^*, 4S^*)$ -4-[(2-cyclohexylethyl)amino]-3-hydroxy-6-methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-7-yl} methanesulfonamide.

16. (Original) A benzopyran compound which is N- $\{(3R^*, 4S^*)$ -3-hydroxy-6-methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-(pentylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-7-yl} methanesulfonamide.

17. (Original) A benzopyran compound which N- $\{(3R^*, 4S^*)$ -3-hydroxy-2,2,8-trimethyl-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-7-yl} methanesulfonamide.

18. (Original) A benzopyran compound which is N- $\{(3R^*, 4S^*)$ -3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzopyran-7-yl} methanesulfonamide maleate.

19. (Currently Amended) A benzopyran compound which is N- $\{(3R^*, 4S^*)$ -3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzopyran-7-yl} ethanesulfonamide ~~hydrochloride~~.

20. (Currently Amended) A benzopyran compound which is 1,1,1-trifluoro-N- $\{(3R^*, 4S^*)$ -3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzopyran-7-yl}- methanesulfonamide ~~maleate~~.

21. (Currently Amended) A benzopyran compound which is N- $\{(3R^*, 4S^*)$ -3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzopyran-7-yl)-N-methylmethanesulfonamide ~~hydrochloride~~.

22. (Original) A benzopyran compound which is N- $\{(3R^*, 4S^*)$ -6-bromo-3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzopyran-7-yl}- methanesulfonamide.

23. (Currently Amended) A benzopyran compound which is (3*R**, 4*S**)-2,2-dimethyl-7-dimethylamino-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3-chroman-~~ol-hydrochloride~~.
24. (Currently Amended) A benzopyran compound which is (3*R**, 4*S**)-2,2-dimethyl-7-methylamino-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3-chroman-~~ol-hydrochloride~~.
25. (Currently Amended) A benzopyran compound which is (3*R**, 4*S**)-4-{[2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl]amino}-2,2-dimethyl-7-dimethylamino-3-chroman-~~ol-hydrochloride~~.
26. (Original) A benzopyran compound which is (3*R**, 4*S**)-6-methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-7-dimethylamino-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3-chroman-~~ol~~.
27. (Currently Amended) A benzopyran compound which is (3*R**, 4*S**)-6-methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-7-methylamino-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3-chroman-~~ol-hydrochloride~~.
28. (Original) A benzopyran compound which is N-{(3*R**, 4*S**)-3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzopyran-7-yl}-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide.
29. (Original) A benzopyran compound which is N-{(3*R**, 4*S**)-3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-6-[(methylsulfonyl)amino]-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzopyran-7-yl}-methanesulfonamide.
30. (Currently Amended) A benzopyran compound which is (3*R**, 4*S**)-2,2-dimethyl-7-methylethylamino-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3-chroman-~~ol-hydrochloride~~.
31. (Currently Amended) A benzopyran compound which is N-{(3*R**, 4*S**)-3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-7-yl}-N-isopropylmethanesulfonamide-~~hydrochloride~~.
32. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical characterized by comprising the benzopyran compound according to claim 1 or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.
33. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical for treating arrhythmia characterized

by comprising the benzopyran compound according claim 1 or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.